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SUBJECT: ICE SKATING RINK

1. ABDULLA AL-ROUMI, GENERAL MANAGER OF AL-ROUMI CO., P.O.BOX 38001, KUWAIT VISITED EMBASSY RECENTLY TO RELAY HIS PLANS TO BUILD

AN ICE SKATING RINK IN KUWAIT. WHILE AL-ROUMI ADMITS HE KNOWS LITTLE ABOUT EQUIPPING AND OPERATING ICE SKATING RINK, HE WOULD LIKE TO COMMUNICATE WITH U.S. FIRMS WHICH COULD SUPPLY HIM WITH INFORMATION ON DESIGN, EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION OF THIS TYPE OF PROJECT.

- 2. AL-ROUMI YOUNG KUWAITI & U.S. GRADUATE WHO HAS ONLY RECENTLY RETURNED TO KUWAIT & ESTABLISHED A BUSINESS.
- 3. COMMENT: IDEA OF ICE SKATING RINK IN KUWAIT MAY SEEM FAR-FETCHED TO SOME BUT IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT EMBASSY COMMERCIAL OFFICER HAS HEARD IDEA DISCUSSED SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE. KUWAIT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR KEENLY AWARE OF NEED TO ESTABLISH NEW RECREATION PROGRAMS IN KUWAIT AND ARE BUSY ON SEVERAL PROJECTS. SEVERAL YEARS AGO DISNEY-STYLE THEME AMUSEMENT PARK WAS CONSIDERED ONLY PIPE DREAM BUT GOK SIGNED WITH U.S. FIRM FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION ON SUCH A PROJECT.
- 4. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST ADDRESSEES INFORM APPROPRIATE COMPANIES OF AL-ROUMI'S INTEREST. WE SUGGEST BEGINNING WITH FIRMS EXPERIENCED IN DESIGNING ICE RINKS. SUCH FIRMS UNCLASSIFIED

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SHOULD BE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT SUPPLY AND CONSTRUCTION ON

SUCH AN ENTERPRISE SINCE IT APPEARS AL-ROUMI WANTS TURN-
KEY PROJECT. ANY PLANS WOULD HAVE TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION
KUWAIT'S EXTREME SUMMER HEAT WHICH EXTENDS WELL INTO THE
100'S FROM MID-MAY THROUGH MID-SEPTEMBER.
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